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1. The following details on the organization of the Russian parachute battalion were obtained from the Boevoi Ustav Parashyutnikh Voisk, (Combat Manual for Parachute Troops), 1947 :

a) The normal parachute battalion ("parashyutnoe desantnoe otdelenie") consists of:

965 men
5 x 76.2 mm guns
2 x 20 mm anti-aircraft guns
16 Mortars (8 medium, 8 special ones)
16 Anti-tank guns
18 heavy machine guns

2. The various jumping groups are composed as follows:

a) First Group: Staff

Communications platoon
Engineer "
Anti-tank "
Chemical group

b) Second Group:

Guns, AA guns,
ammunition

c) Third Group:

Heavy machine guns
Mortars, Infantry

d) Fourth Group:

Heavy mortars
Anti-tank squads
Communication squads
Infantry supply

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